

Program authorization for: Officer candidate indoctrination and training for appointment on active duty to:

Restricted Line/Engineering Duty Officer Surface Option (116X/111X/146X). Prior to attending OCS, an individual selected for Surface Warfare Officer (conventional) program may apply to Navy Personnel Command, Bureau of Naval Personnel, for the Engineering Duty Surface Option Program. If accepted for the program, the officer is classified as a Surface Engineering Duty Officer. Upon completion of Surface Warfare Qualification (111X), and after favorable performance review by an administrative screening board, the officer is redesignated into the restricted line, designator 146X. If the performance review is not favorable, the officer retains the original designator (111X).

I. Program authority: 10 USC 12201, 12205, 12209.

II. Quota:

As determined by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower and Personnel).

III. Qualifications:

A. **Citizenship:** Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.

B. **Sex:** Male and female are eligible to apply.

C. **Age:** Applicants must not have passed their 29th birthday on commissioning. Maximum age limit may be adjusted upward for prior active service on a month-for-month basis up to 24 months. Waivers beyond 24 months will be considered only for prior active duty enlisted personnel who possess particularly exceptional qualifications, provided they can be commissioned prior to their 35th birthday.

D. **Education:** The minimum requirement is a Baccalaureate Degree in Engineering or Physical Science from an accredited college or university. Evidence of academic excellence is required. In general this shall mean that program applicants must have a "B" average or above with a class standing in the top 25 percent of the graduating class. A Master's of Science Degree or higher in Engineering or Physical Science from an accredited college or university supersedes the baccalaureate requirement.

E. **Physical:** In accordance with the Manual of the Medical Department.

F. **Selection criteria:** Applications will be screened by a board established by the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command for entry into the program. Applications may be submitted by individuals prior to reporting to Officer Candidate School or during their first sea tour. The individual will be screened again after completing the appointment requirements delineated in section VI. Officers receiving Surface Warfare Officer Continuation Pay may not transfer from the surface community until completing the entire Department Head requirement; however, an officer may apply and be accepted for lateral transfer without penalty.

G. **Marital status:** No restrictions.

IV. Source:

A. Civilian, male or female.

B. Enlisted personnel of the regular Navy or Naval Reserve (active or inactive).

C. Personnel of the other armed services with an approved interservice transfer.

V. Indoctrination:

Trained at Officer Candidate School. Candidates commissioned 116x will be assigned to an initial sea tour of at least two years duration to achieve Surface Warfare Qualification (designator 111X). Upon completion of initial surface sea tour and Surface Warfare Qualification, candidates may apply to exercise their option. If selected, officers will be designated 1460 and will be assigned to the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California or selected civilian institutions for completion of a Master's Degree in an appropriate Engineering or Physical Science discipline approved for Engineering Duty Officer (14XX) in OPNAVNOTE 1520.

VI. Appointment:

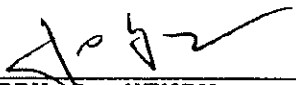
Applicants will be redesignated in the restricted line, designated 146X upon completion of the following prerequisites:

1. Surface Warfare Qualification.
2. Completion of, as a minimum, one 2-year sea tour.
3. Favorable record review conducted by an

administrative screening board.

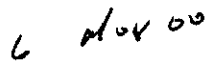
VII. Active duty requirements: Two years from date of
redesignation to 146X.

Approved:



JOSEPH S. HENRY
Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy
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Date:



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